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EIGHT DEFENDANTS INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that eight defendants were indicted by a federal grand jury today, in separate and unrelated cases, for illegally possessing firearms.

* **Lemont D. Amos**, 34, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Today's indictment alleges that on Sept. 18, 2005, **Amos** was in possession of a Smith and Wesson .38-caliber revolver. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* Raul Alcanta-Munoz, also known as Raul A. Ochoa and Raul Ochoa LeFaleur, 34, of Kansas City, Kan., was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Alcantar-Munoz** illegally re-entered the United States. **Alcantar-Munoz**, who had previously been deported from the United States after being convicted of an aggravated felony, was allegedly found in Independence, Mo., on Oct. 23, 2005.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that on Oct. 23, 2005, **Alcantar-Munoz** was in possession of a Winchester 20-gauge shotgun without a visible serial number. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for an alien illegally in the United States to be in possession of

a firearm.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Alcantar-Numoz** was a felon in possession of the Winchester 20-gauge shotgun. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

* Eddie B. Cantrell, also known as Terrell Thomas, Tommie Sample, Dave Sample and Dino Sample (date of birth unknown) of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Today's indictment alleges that on Sept. 28, 2005, **Cantrell** was in possession of a Rigarmi .25-caliber semi-automatic pistol. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Kacy D. Lark**, 26, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Today's indictment alleges that on July 18, 2005, **Lark** was in possession of a Smith and Wesson .45-caliber revolver. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Stefan C. Hughes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **John B. Parker**, 32, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Today's indictment alleges that on Sept. 23, 2005, **Parker** was in possession of a Sig Sauer 9mm pistol. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* Brian L. Starr, 26, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with being a felon in possession

of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Today's indictment alleges that on Sept. 4, 2005, **Starr** was in possession of a Hi-Point Firearms .45-caliber semi-automatic handgun. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Stefan C. Hughes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* Rickey J. Sanders, 22, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Today's indictment alleges that on Nov. 1, 2005, **Sanders** was in possession of an F.I.E. .38-caliber pistol. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* Willix J. Walker, 24, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Today's indictment alleges that on Oct. 31, 2005, **Walker** was in possession of an SWD semi-automatic pistol, 50 rounds of Norinco 9X19 CJ 93 ammunition, and 32 rounds of Wolf 9mm ammunition. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christina Y. Tabor. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these indictments are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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